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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Linus G. FONKWE, et al.) Examiner: Ganapathy KRISHNAN
Serial No.: 10/051,201) Art Unit: 1623
Filed: January 18, 2002) Docket No.: 4700-083 (04700.0467.4)
For: U/A NON-GELATIN CAPSULE SHELL FORMULATION)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed April 8, 2003, the response thereto originally being due May 8, 2003, entry and consideration of the present preliminary amendment and remarks prior to examination of the claims on the merits are respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4 and 25.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A film-forming composition comprising:
 - a) iota carrageenan in an amount of from about 1% to about 15% by weight of the composition;

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